

## THINK HIGGINS IN THE FIELD.

## POLITICIANS—INTERPRET HIS BENDER DECISION.

Story That Odell and Platt Are Keeping the Convention Date to Themselves With Some Idea of Pitching Upon the Democratic Date at the Last Moment.

Gov. Higgins, according to Republicans at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday, gave the first indication to the Platt-Odell combination that he was a candidate for re-nomination and that the Oswego-Newburgh combination could not beat him when he dismissed the charges of violation of the civil service law against Harry H. Bender, State Fiscal Supervisor of Charities. Furthermore, in the opinion of the Republicans who were at State headquarters yesterday, Gov. Higgins' renomination, if it is to be brought about, will be followed by the election of William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, as Republican State chairman to succeed Mr. Odell. Mr. Barnes is leader of the Albany county Republicans and has stood by Bender from first to last, and while Mr. Barnes and Mr. Bender have not been at all times in accord with Gov. Higgins, Mr. Barnes as Mr. Bender's backer has recently become attached to the political fortunes of Gov. Higgins.

Many Republicans believe that the Platt-Odell alliance cannot defeat Gov. Higgins' renomination, provided the Governor desires one. Representative James S. Sherman of Oneida, head of the Republican national campaign committee, declared for Gov. Higgins yesterday and said that he would be renominated and re-elected. The Platt-Odell people took Mr. Sherman's views for what they were worth, stating at the same time that Mr. Sherman desires to go back to the House of Representatives and that he would have had a tough game of it without the intervention, quietly exercised, of President Roosevelt and Gov. Higgins. So Gov. Higgins' friends were particularly pleased when the Hon. Mr. Sherman announced on Monday that the Governor's renomination and re-election cannot be stopped by any human agency.

Chairman Odell came down from Newburgh and was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel talking machine politics to the Hon. William C. Warren, but at the first opportunity Mr. Odell scooted back to Newburgh, saying that New York city was too hot for him. Mr. Odell said that he would not leave until next week, he called for the meeting of the Republican State committee to name a time and place for the State convention, and while the opinion was still prevalent that the convention would be held at Saratoga on October 2, suggestions were heard to the effect that when Mr. Odell and his friends become almost assured of the pre-eminence of the Democratic State convention to be held at Buffalo on September 25, Mr. Odell may repeat his performance of 1898, when as the lieutenant of Mr. Platt he called the Republican State convention for Saratoga on September 27, when the Democrats held their convention at Syracuse on September 28, and now call the Republican State convention for Saratoga on September 25. Indeed, it became almost a general statement among Mr. Odell's friends last night that by taking a little more time he would be able to ascertain the prospects at Buffalo, and then as a sort of a side play call the Republican State convention to meet at Saratoga on the same day as the Democratic convention in Buffalo.

Some of the Republicans who talked with Mr. Odell yesterday were Senator William J. Tully of Erie county, ex-Senator George E. Green of Binghamton and Regent Edward Lauterbach. Mr. Warren said: "Senator Owen Cassidy of Schuyler summed up the situation in Erie county in pretty good shape when he said that there were two factions in the county, the Odell faction, led by Warren, and the Higgins faction, led by Greiner. The difference was that about all the Higgins faction were inside Odell's and the Odell faction nearly all outside."

Shortly after Mr. Warren made this comparison of the forces in Erie county, Senator Platt's friends pointed out that this statement of Mr. Warren was probably the first recommendation for Mr. Platt joining hands with Mr. Odell, and they went on to explain that Postmaster Greiner and all of the Republican chaps who have recently got into entanglements in Erie county were Platt men, originally appointed to office on the recommendation of Senator Platt, and having the Republican national hall mark of President McKinley and President Roosevelt.

But the question will not down, according to political experts at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday. What Republican, what body of Republicans is responsible for the present defensive attitude of the Republican State organization, controlled by Chairman Odell? Mr. Odell refuses, according to custom, to call the Republican State convention together and start the fight against the Democrats, and his attitude, it was said, in this matter merely reflects the personal feeling against Gov. Higgins and Gov. Higgins' administration.

## TO ABOLISH GRADE CROSSINGS.

Those at Westbury and Greenvale Commended by Commissioners.

MINNEOLA, N. Y., Aug. 2.—The State Board of Railroad Commissioners to-day met more than one hundred taxpayers at the Westbury railroad station to hear argument on the petition of the Long Island Railroad Company for the closing of the Post avenue crossing there. Five persons have been killed at the crossing since 1890. All of the experts were in favor of closing the crossing, and the commissioners practically agreed to have the crossing abolished and an underground road substituted.

The commission also visited Greenvale, and it was decided to do away with the grade crossing there, and to have an underground road built.

The board came next to Mineola, where the commissioners found that the residents were opposed to the building of a bridge over the Roeloff road and wanted the railroad company to deposit its tracks at that point. The railroad opposes this. It is understood that the commissioners will take no action in this case.

## MODEST HERO FLEES KISSES.

Joseph Nolan's Reward for Saving Little Violet Chandler Is a Hudson.

Joseph Nolan, a bricklayer, of 154 West 101st street, jumped into the Hudson River at Inwood yesterday afternoon and rescued eight-year-old Violet Chandler of Ravenswood, L. I., who was being carried far by a strong ebb tide. The little girl was sitting in a boat tied to the shore near the Inwood bathing pavilion when heavy swells from a passing Albany steamboat upset the boat.

Nolan, who was sitting on the jump at one end of the bathing pavilion, pumped in the water and jumped into the river to the private dock at the place of C. H. G. Billings, where the girl's relatives and a large crowd of women had gathered. When Nolan staggered out of the water with the little girl in his arms the women made for him. He was hugged and kissed from all sides. This was too much for the bricklayer, who fled blushing. He was last seen riding for a trolley as fast as he could toward his wet clothing.

## PUSHCART RAID NO RELIEF.

Cortlandt Street Merchants May Challenge City's Right to Issue Licenses.

Stirred to action by the insolent and unanimous demand of the merchants having shops in Cortlandt street the police of the Church street station yesterday raided every pushcart man who rolled his barrow into that thoroughfare. One batch of fifteen was herded together and taken to the Tombs court. With one exception, an Italian, all were Greeks. Five were found to be without licenses. They were fined \$2 each and the others discharged.

Norman Tauber of Brill Brothers, speaking for a delegation of several merchants who appeared and begged Magistrate Breen to afford them relief from what they described as "intolerable conditions," said that the raiders have been driven from several other downtown streets and have crowded into Cortlandt.

"We cannot get our own trucks up to our doors," he said, "and these fellows are no only insolent when requested to move, but have drawn knives to attack us." The magistrate said that he knew that something ought to be done, but with the exception of the five found without licenses all the others were legally entitled to stand in the street under certain restrictions. "They have a license issued by the Mayor, and just as much right to be there as I have to sit here as a Magistrate," he said. "If these men violate the ordinance in any way bring me legal evidence and I will see that they are punished. But as it stands now I am helpless to do anything for you and it does no good to arrest them by the wholesale and bring them here without evidence."

Tauber and the other merchants announced their intention of trying to have the ordinance amended and it was suggested also that a possible test case may be brought challenging the city's right to license such men to do business in the streets with pushcarts.

Only Friday several pushcart men were brought from their haunts in Nassau street, and indignantly protesting merchants in court demanding their suppression. Magistrate Breen at great length in every case tried to explain that the remedy lies not with the police courts but in corrective legislation.

## SWIMMER RESCUES HIMSELF.

Ferry Passenger With Visions Changes His Mind After Jumping Overboard.

While the ferryboat Soranton of the Lackawanna line was in midstream on the way over to Barclay street from Hoboken last evening a passenger, Fritz Gundmann, jumped overboard. With several other passengers he had been on the forward part of the boat watching the storm clouds gather. Suddenly he threw his hat on the deck, vaulted over the railing before any one thought to stop him and dived off. The pilot saw him and immediately gave the signal to the engineer to stop.

Two deck hands ran to the stern and threw ropes to the swimmer. But he refused to grab either and started to swim on his back. After swimming about fifty yards he changed his mind and came toward the boat. When he got near enough another line was thrown to him. This time he grabbed it and was hauled on board. He is a good swimmer and was only a bit tired.

The Rev. George Schmidt of Woodhaven, L. I., who was also a passenger, spoke in German to Gundmann and told him that he had been a waiter at Koster & Bial's, but lost his job some time ago and had been out of work since. During the last few days he had walked long distances looking for work and had eaten very little and slept less. Some time yesterday he got the idea that the Paul Kellys were after him and had gone to Hoboken to get away from them. Over there he learned there was a local band of Kellys, and seeing no way of escaping them he made up his mind to end it all.

When the boat reached the slip at Barclay street Policeman O'Brien of the Church street station went to the stern and saw an ambulance from the Hudson street hospital. Surgeon Bryant looked Gundmann over and found him all right, so he was taken to the station house and locked up. There he said he lived in Sixth street near Third avenue. He had only 6 cents in his clothes.

## DRIVEN TO SUICIDE BY ARREST.

Old Man's Obscene Letter to Disobliging Druggist Results in a Tragedy.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 2.—Frank Jacob, a merchant of Bay St. Louis, Miss., committed suicide this morning because he was arrested, charged with writing an obscene letter to a wholesale drug house in New Orleans asking it to put up a prescription. The house declined to do so, as there was a drug store in Bay St. Louis at which the prescription could be filled.

The treasurer of the wholesale drug house was astonished to get the letter, and the matter before the New Orleans post office authorities, who decided that the letter did not contain anything obscene. It was the law in regard to obscenity. It was then laid before the United States District Attorney, who had Jacob arrested.

As soon as he was bonded out, he returned to Bay St. Louis, made all the arrangements for his funeral and then blew out his brains. Jacob was 75 years old. He leaves much property.

## ROSENBERG FELL SIXTY FEET.

Cornice Fell After Him and Nearly Severed His Head From His Body.

David Rosenberg, 23 years old, a cornice worker of 121 Avenue A, Manhattan, was killed yesterday morning while engaged with Samuel Daub of 410 East Seventy-sixth street in removing a cornice from a new building in Tenth avenue and Sixty-ninth street in Brooklyn. The rope supporting one end of the cornice slipped from his grasp and this caused him to fall to the sidewalk, sixty feet below.

Daub tried to help the cornice, but it dropped from his lacerated hands and fell on the neck of his prostrate companion, almost severing the head from the body. George Craig and George Guntz, who were working on the cornice, saw the fall and ran to the scene, but they were unable to do anything.

The police were called and the body was taken to the morgue. The coroner's jury will hold an inquest into the cause of the fall.

The weather. The pressure was high everywhere east of the Mississippi yesterday, and the temperatures at most places were in the 80s. The wind was light and variable.

In the Lake regions, western New York and Pennsylvania it was generally a little cooler. In the Northwest also the pressure was high and there was a cold wind from the north. In the upper Mississippi valley it was warmer.

An area of low pressure covered the extreme Southwest and caused a fall in the Arkansas and middle Mississippi valleys.

There were also rains and thunderstorms in the Lake regions and eastward to the Atlantic coast. With the exception of a few scattered showers, the weather in the Rocky Mountain section and westward was generally fair.

In this city the day was fair and a little cooler; wind light to fresh from the north; humidity 65 per cent; barometer, 30.07.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, shown in the table below:

Time	Temp.	Time	Temp.
8 A. M.	75°	8 P. M.	85°
9 A. M.	78°	9 P. M.	82°
10 A. M.	80°	10 P. M.	78°
11 A. M.	82°	11 P. M.	75°
12 M.	85°	12 M.	72°
1 P. M.	88°	1 P. M.	70°
2 P. M.	90°	2 P. M.	68°
3 P. M.	92°	3 P. M.	65°
4 P. M.	95°	4 P. M.	62°
5 P. M.	98°	5 P. M.	60°
6 P. M.	100°	6 P. M.	58°
7 P. M.	102°	7 P. M.	55°
8 P. M.	105°	8 P. M.	52°
9 P. M.	108°	9 P. M.	50°
10 P. M.	110°	10 P. M.	48°
11 P. M.	112°	11 P. M.	45°
12 M.	115°	12 M.	42°
1 P. M.	118°	1 P. M.	40°
2 P. M.	120°	2 P. M.	38°
3 P. M.	122°	3 P. M.	35°
4 P. M.	125°	4 P. M.	32°
5 P. M.	128°	5 P. M.	30°
6 P. M.	130°	6 P. M.	28°
7 P. M.	132°	7 P. M.	25°
8 P. M.	135°	8 P. M.	22°
9 P. M.	138°	9 P. M.	20°
10 P. M.	140°	10 P. M.	18°
11 P. M.	142°	11 P. M.	15°
12 M.	145°	12 M.	12°
1 P. M.	148°	1 P. M.	10°
2 P. M.	150°	2 P. M.	8°
3 P. M.	152°	3 P. M.	5°
4 P. M.	155°	4 P. M.	3°
5 P. M.	158°	5 P. M.	1°
6 P. M.	160°	6 P. M.	-2°
7 P. M.	162°	7 P. M.	-5°
8 P. M.	165°	8 P. M.	-8°
9 P. M.	168°	9 P. M.	-10°
10 P. M.	170°	10 P. M.	-12°
11 P. M.	172°	11 P. M.	-15°
12 M.	175°	12 M.	-18°
1 P. M.	178°	1 P. M.	-20°
2 P. M.	180°	2 P. M.	-22°
3 P. M.	182°	3 P. M.	-25°
4 P. M.	185°	4 P. M.	-28°
5 P. M.	188°	5 P. M.	-30°
6 P. M.	190°	6 P. M.	-32°
7 P. M.	192°	7 P. M.	-35°
8 P. M.	195°	8 P. M.	-38°
9 P. M.	198°	9 P. M.	-40°
10 P. M.	200°	10 P. M.	-42°
11 P. M.	202°	11 P. M.	-45°
12 M.	205°	12 M.	-48°
1 P. M.	208°	1 P. M.	-50°
2 P. M.	210°	2 P. M.	-52°
3 P. M.	212°	3 P. M.	-55°
4 P. M.	215°	4 P. M.	-58°
5 P. M.	218°	5 P. M.	-60°
6 P. M.	220°	6 P. M.	-62°
7 P. M.	222°	7 P. M.	-65°
8 P. M.	225°	8 P. M.	-68°
9 P. M.	228°	9 P. M.	-70°
10 P. M.	230°	10 P. M.	-72°
11 P. M.	232°	11 P. M.	-75°
12 M.	235°	12 M.	-78°
1 P. M.	238°	1 P. M.	-80°
2 P. M.	240°	2 P. M.	-82°
3 P. M.	242°	3 P. M.	-85°
4 P. M.	245°	4 P. M.	-88°
5 P. M.	248°	5 P. M.	-90°
6 P. M.	250°	6 P. M.	-92°
7 P. M.	252°	7 P. M.	-95°
8 P. M.	255°	8 P. M.	-98°
9 P. M.	258°	9 P. M.	-100°
10 P. M.	260°	10 P. M.	-102°
11 P. M.	262°	11 P. M.	-105°
12 M.	265°	12 M.	-108°
1 P. M.	268°	1 P. M.	-110°
2 P. M.	270°	2 P. M.	-112°
3 P. M.	272°	3 P. M.	-115°
4 P. M.	275°	4 P. M.	-118°
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9 P. M.	288°	9 P. M.	-130°
10 P. M.	290°	10 P. M.	-132°
11 P. M.	292°	11 P. M.	-135°
12 M.	295°	12 M.	-138°
1 P. M.	298°	1 P. M.	-140°
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10 P. M.	350°	10 P. M.	-192°
11 P. M.	352°	11 P. M.	-195°
12 M.	355°	12 M.	-198°
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3 P. M.	362°	3 P. M.	-205°
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12 M.	415°	12 M.	-258°
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11 P. M.	442°	11 P. M.	-285°
12 M.	445°	12 M.	-288°
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